

Pink Slip Epidemic: Teachers Losing Jobs

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In the Central Valley and across California, teachers are receiving pink slips.

Monday was the deadline for school districts to warn teachers that they may lose their jobs in the next school year.

State schools chief Jack O'Connell says so far this year more than 21,000 teachers have already received layoff notices.

O'Connell says 2010 is a dark year as the state's cash crisis and fewer federal dollars will mean more teachers will lose their jobs.

That's certainly the case for Fresno Unified --- Superintendent Michael Hanson is dealing with a \$30-million deficit and hundreds of teaching jobs.

Hanson will need to shave another \$18 million from the budget when he meets with the board of trustees in a few weeks.